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In response to the Office action mailed September 9, 2002,
please enter the following amendments:

A substitute specification excluding the claims and a
version of the substitute specification showing the changes to
the specification of record are submitted herewith in accordance
with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. No new matter is added in the substitute
specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

12 (amended). A sampling probe for delivering a reactant to
a substance deposited on a substrate to form a reaction product
and for transporting the reaction product to a product analyzer
for analysis, the probe comprising an inner body and an outer
body having an inner cavity sized and shaped for receiving the
inner body, the inner body including an upper portion fixed
relative to the outer body, a tip for engaging the substrate, and
a resiliently compliant element connecting the tip to the inner
body for permitting the tip to move relative to the inner body,
the tip having a recess sized and shaped for receiving at least a
portion of the reaction product, a reactant delivery passage
extending through the probe to an outlet at the tip for

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